

with 1,500 head of registered Rambouillet sheep and, notwithstanding the great care required in the handling and care of these fine stocks we find Willard S. Hansen, continuing to interest himself in the civic and nautical conditions of the state, county and municipality wherein he resides but also attending to all the many other duties incumbent upon a true citizen.

Mr. Hansen's success in the Bear River valley is a very vivid illustration of what can be accomplished here by a person who will take advantage of the opportunities that exist in this valley.

Mosiah Evans, of Garland, is one of the foremost men in the Bear River valley—because he has made good! That is the one great thing that counts in this district. He is among other things, president of the Bank of Garland, resident manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company at this point, chairman of the Republican party in this community and connected with the Lant Livestock company, a flourishing and active institution. A few days ago Mr. Evans was asked to give us some facts regarding the Bear River valley and finally he consented to an interview.

Speaking of the sugar beet industry here he intimated that when the factory at Garland was started about ten years ago the conditions were almost aboriginal and there have been surprising developments and increases since that time. "18,000 tons of beets were delivered at the plant during the first year of its existence." This year about 90,000 tons have been delivered by the farmers who received over \$440,000.00 for their beet crops. When we first started operations there was absolutely nothing to speak of in this section of the country and no commercial life outside of Corinne, Fielding and Bear River City and now, I would say, that commercial conditions are ten times as great. The Utah-Idaho Sugar company has a plant at Garland, the financial center of the Bear River valley which

is estimated at \$1,000,000.00 in addition to which the company also owns lands of the approximate value of \$2,500,000.00 in connection with its canal systems, one of the largest and best in the United States.

Enhancement of property values was next discussed and in relation to this topic Mr. Evans said: "The value of lands has increased wonderfully as the result of the canal system and careful irrigation and cultivation on the part of the farm-

ers throughout this entire section, also better barns and outhouses while more attention is being paid to fencing and other work of improvements on and around the farms. I can name many farmers who came here as laborers who through thrift and energy have become comfortably wealthy and who today, after only a very few years toil, are able to draw large sums of money at any time and enjoy the luxuries of life. Others came here with small capital and

be produced in this valley that can be grown in this inter-mountain region in great abundance and as much if not more than in any part of this western country that I have ever visited."

In the Bear River valley there are many palatial residences and modern homes inhabited by the farming and commercial residents of the valley and a few years ago the idea was conceived by some enterprising citizens to form a mutual fire insurance organization which is being operated and maintained along the co-operative plan. We have succeeded in getting a contribution from Representative M. H. Welling, of the Utah legislature, who is also secretary of the Bear River Mutual Fire Insurance company:

The Bear River Mutual Fire Insurance company was organized in 1909. Its first policies bear date of July 1st of that year. The plan of mutual insurance of farm property is entirely new in Utah but is well understood in the East and the Middle West. The states of the Mississippi valley, many of them, have mutual insurance in force to the extent of three or four hundred million of dollars.

Mutual insurance aims to furnish to its policy holders insurance at cost.

There is no expense for offices. Its officers work for the bare amount of their expenses.

The credit of obtaining such a law in Utah undoubtedly belongs to Hon. W. S. Hansen of Fielding. It was also through his efforts that this company was organized. It is still the only organization of its kind in the state. The company has had a most satisfactory and gratifying growth. From the very beginning it has been loyally supported.

Before its policies were printed two hundred of the public spirited citizens of the Bear River valley pledged \$200,000.00 worth of business as a beginning. It thus began business with as much business as its books as some companies of a

similar nature in the East had after years of effort. Since that time it has grown steadily each year. It has today on its books \$850,000.00 of insurance in force and 807 policy holders. Of these not one is dissatisfied. Last year the company paid \$1,100.00 in fire losses. The total expense outside of these losses was less than \$300.00.

It has never had a loss which was not settled promptly and in full. The idea of mutual insurance is sound. It will grow in this state as it has in others until all business suitable for such organizations to handle will be conducted by the people who own the property insured.

(Signed) M. H. WELLING, Sec.

H. K. Fridal, another successful pioneer of the Bear River valley, has sent at our invitation a very concise article covering some features of life in the Bear River valley and coming as it does from a practical and successful farmer, we leave it to those who read it to draw their own conclusions:

I came to Bear River valley in 1873 and I have resided here ever since. This valley since then has undergone a complete change, the only thing which is real natural are the mountains on the east and west of this valley with their waterline along their sides marked by the waters of old Lake Bonneville ages ago. When I first traveled over this valley it was filled with waving bunchgrass and the Shoshone Indians would sometimes catch rabbits by running them down on their ponies. I thought they lost more in horseflesh than they gained in the rabbits; but grass was plentiful and horseflesh cheap in those days. Later on great herds of sheep and cattle came to graze on the land and as they cropped the grass closely the sagebrush soon appeared. We raised considerable rye on dry land. The land would be broken and sowed to rye and then it would volunteer for several years. Later it was found that wheat would also grow



MOSIAH EVANS

ers until today the agricultural classes are holding their properties at from \$150.00 to \$200.00 per acre. The value of their hay crops has doubled and practically everything else in proportion by reason of the diversified methods of farming adopted by the majority of farmers operating in this valley. The farmers are enjoying as much success here as was ever attained by the farmers of other states in the Middle and Far West and they have every reason to feel satisfied. More comfortable homes are being erect-

ed one case I particularly recall the man bought a sixty acre farm which was divided into about ten acres of orchard, ten acres of beets and probably fifteen to twenty acres of alfalfa. Land since acquired by him has been put into potatoes, carrots, squash and other farm products. Ten years ago that man was not worth more than \$1,000, while today he is easily worth \$20,000."

In conclusion Mr. Evans was asked regarding the crops produced in this valley other than beets and we learned that "any kind of crops can

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